

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the cover page with the following:

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

United States ~~Provisional~~ Patent Application

for

METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR IDENTIFYING RELATED NODES IN A DIRECTED
GRAPH HAVING NAMED ARCS

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On page 1, before line 2, insert the following paragraph:

This application claims the benefit of priority of United States Provisional Application No. 60/416,616, filed October 7, 2002, entitled "Methods And Apparatus For Identifying Related Nodes In A Directed Graph Having Named Arcs."